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The Crossing: **The Navy site transformed**



As you drive down El Camino Real, you may notice that the former Navy Facility is starting to look a lot different. The buildings you now see onsite are nearing completion, and residents have already begun to move into their new homes. The larger building is an apartment building, known as the Meridian Apartments, and is the first phase of a larger redevelopment project known as "The Crossing." The Meridian Apartments contains 300 units, including

60 below-market-rate units, which are affordable to low and moderate income households. The smaller building next door to the Meridian Apartments is a recreation center. This 8,000 square-foot center includes a conference room, business center, home theatre, card and game room, fitness center, and pool with retractable roof for outdoor use during the summer.

Plans for the Senior Housing Complex
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New faces at the Police Department

Pictured left to right are four of the new San Bruno police officers: James Haggarty, Aaron Wong, Anthony Perkins, Torsten Sommer.

Police Chief Lee Violet recently administered the oath of office to five new police officers who have joined the ranks of the San Bruno Police Department. The appointments were a result of an extensive recruitment campaign during 2004.

Officer Anthony Perkins, who joined the Department in June 2004, was born and raised in Redwood City, and is a graduate of Sequoia High School. Anthony earned a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University Sacramento before he attended the Basic Police Academy in San Jose.

Officers Torsten Sommer, Heidi Schindel, and Aaron Wong joined the Police Department in August 2004. Torsten was born and raised in Hamburg, Germany, before relocating to the United States. Torsten received an Associate of Arts degree in applied sciences from Honolulu Community College, and is a graduate of the

Evergreen Valley College Basic Police Academy.

Officer Heidi Schindel grew up in Redway, California, before moving to Santa Cruz County. Heidi attended the University of Santa Cruz, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in sociology. The Department recruited Heidi while she was attending the Basic Police Academy in San Mateo.

Officer Aaron Wong was also recruited while attending the Basic Police Academy in San Mateo. Aaron was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, and moved to the Bay Area with his family shortly after graduating from high school. Aaron served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army before beginning a new career in law enforcement.

Officer James Haggarty joined the ranks in November 2004, and is the newest member of the Department. James grew up in San Bruno before attending the University of California Davis,

where he earned Bachelor's degrees in political science and philosophy. James completed the Basic Police Academy at Yuba College in Marysville, and is currently in the Department's Field Training Program.

The City welcomes its new officers and congratulates them on their recent accomplishments. Each completed a 22-week basic police academy covering 880 hours of instruction as mandated by the State of California, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. In addition to their academy training, officers complete a 15-week Field Training Program before they are assigned to solo patrol duties. The Department is actively recruiting for entry-level and lateral police officer positions. If you are interested in a career in law enforcement or would like to know more about the profession, contact Lieutenant Noreen Hanlon at 650-616-7100.

The Crossing

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have been submitted to the Planning Department and are now undergoing an architectural review. This age-restricted senior housing development will contain 228 rental apartments in a four-story building with underground parking and will be located northwest of the Meridian Apartments building. At this time, all of the units will be below market rate and only available to citizens

who are 62 years or older. The development will allow for interaction among residents, leisure time activities, and transportation for those who do not drive or do not wish to drive to various nearby locations for chores or recreation.

Architectural plans have also been submitted for a 185-unit apartment building, which is also undergoing architectural review. This proposed building, known as "Paragon" apartments, would be four stories over two levels of parking and would be

located just south of the Meridian Apartments and recreation center. Twenty percent (20%) of the units will be below market rate.

In addition to the Meridian Apartments, Paragon Apartments, and Senior Housing Complex, future plans for The Crossing include a condominium complex, hotel, and retail center, with a fine-dining restaurant and various shops. Information on future phases of the development, as well as the availability of senior housing will be available later in the year.

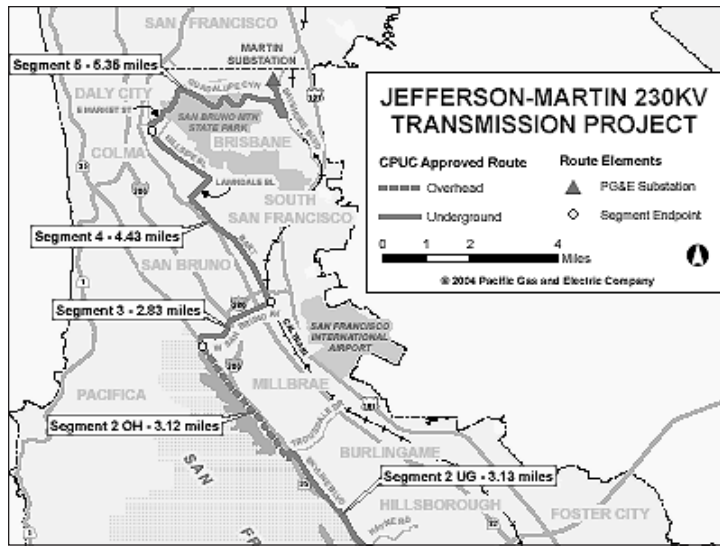
City successfully prevents PG&E transition station from damaging redevelopment area

P G&E expects to break ground in January 2005 with its Jefferson Martin 230-kv Transmission Line Project, a portion of which traverses San Bruno. As approved by the California Public Utilities

Commission (CPUC) late last year, the project is a 27-mile transmission line that PG&E says will increase capacity and help to meet future electric demands in the Bay Area. Due to an aggressive opposition

and Glenview Drive.

When the City Council first learned what PG&E was proposing, it held a public meeting to get community input and voiced the City's opposition in California Public Utilities Commission-sponsored public meetings. The City Council also directed its legal staff to intervene in the administrative proceedings to show that the proposed transition station would be an incompatible land use in the area, resulting in a permanent blight. The City successfully persuaded the CPUC that the proposed facility would adversely affect the City. Accordingly, the Commission required that PG&E downscale the massive station to a tower or towers in a nearby but less obtrusive location on Glenview Drive near the City's water tank.



mounted before the CPUC, San Bruno prevented PG&E from constructing as a project element a massive walled industrial transition station directly in the City's westerly gateway at San Bruno Avenue

Focus on ... El Camino Real roadway improvements project

Let the construction work begin! Right-of-way acquisitions have been secured, Caltrans approvals have been obtained, and with the busy holiday shopping season behind us, the City is now ready to break ground on the much anticipated, \$3.7 million construction effort. The project will widen El Camino Real adjacent to the Shops at Tanforan and install a new mid-block traffic signal to serve both the Shops at Tanforan and The Crossing (a mixed-use development under construction at the former Navy Facilities West property across from Tanforan).

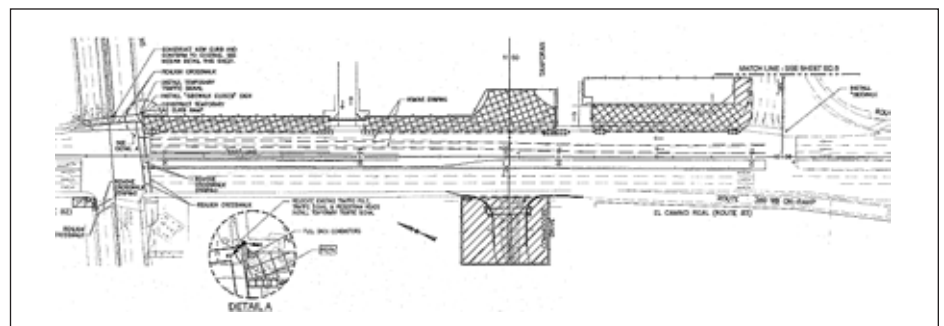
In December 2004, the City awarded the project to O.C. Jones and Sons, Inc., of Berkeley, California. Work should start in late January 2005 and be completed by the end of September 2005,

ahead of the scheduled Tanforan mall re-opening.

The initial phase of construction will involve the construction of a dedicated right-turn lane for north-bound traffic adjacent to the mall. The first phase of construction will also complete the roadway improvements and foundations for the new four-way signalized intersection that will serve the Shops at Tanforan and The Crossing.

The project improvements are funded by a variety of sources, including federal transportation grants, BART mitigation fees, and developer contributions that were secured by the City as a condition of approval in order to mitigate traffic impacts.

As work proceeds, look for project status updates that will be reported periodically on San Bruno Cable's public-access Channel 11.



San Bruno Aircraft Noise

After 19 years of sound-insulating almost 3,000 homes, churches and schools, the City of San Bruno Aircraft Noise Insulation Program is nearly completed. The City Council approved the final Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant for Phase 14 in July 2004. The remainder of the homes that have requested to participate in the program will be insulated. This grant is expected to be completed in 2006.

In 1983, San Francisco International Airport (SFO) submitted a FAR (Federal Aviation Regulations) PART 150 program to the FAA for approval. The airport noise compatibility program designated the types of structures qualified to participate in the sound-insulation program in the approved 1983 Noise Exposure Map (NEM). Funding for the program is provided by an 80% share from the FAA and a 20% share from the Airport. There is no cost to the participating property owner or the sponsor (City). In exchange for the 20% share from SFO, the Airport requires an easement from the property owner. The City of San Bruno was one of the few cities that allowed the property owner to pay the 20% of the program costs in lieu of signing an easement. The City of San Bruno was the 2nd city in the United States to apply for an Airport Improvement Grant (AIP) FAA grant. Typically, an airport administers the program, but SFO concluded it beneficial to the individual cities and County to respond to the residents. An AIP grant funds sound-insulation for houses, churches, medical facilities, libraries, and schools as long as these types of structures are identified in the PART 150 program. The acoustically rated components are dependent on the recom-

mendation of an acoustical engineer based on field-testing and are approved by the FAA. The components include acoustically rated windows and prime doors or storm doors, attic insulation, gable vent baffles, and chimney-top dampers. The structures must be in the qualifying noise contour identified in the noise compatibility plan, and the proof of a 5 dba noise reduction for the homes is required.

The 1983 NEM included 4,000 single- and multi-family homes, 2 elementary schools, 5 churches, the sleeping quarters in the El Camino Real Fire Station, and the Library.

The City's program began in 1986 with a Pilot Program of 10 homes. The selection for those homes was based on owner-occupied, single-story, single-family, and date of the application. A town meeting was held in 1986 at Belle Air School to inform the residents of the program and review the program's requirements. More than 100 applications were received at that time.

The Pilot Program was such a success that there was a waiting list with as many as 200 applications on file.

Because of the demand for participation, the selection process then became one of owner-occupied, single-family, date of application, then rental and date of application, and lastly,

other structures and date of application. Under the 1983 NEM, the City



sound-insulated 1,195 single- and multi-family homes with FAA grants 1 through 7. The San Bruno Park School District applied for a grant and insulated 2

schools. The number of structures insulated is driven by the amount of each grant.

The City's program drew national attention by working with the FAA to include entire blocks for participation and not divide through the parcels as the noise contour indicated.

In 1992, the San Francisco International Airport initiated a Master Plan for expansion. At that time, SFO negotiated with the surrounding cities and County a \$120 million package called the Memorandum of Understanding to insulate homes. The funds were distributed to the cities based on the number of eligible dwelling units. The City of San Bruno's allocation was up to \$26 million. The funds subsidized the 20% SFO share on grants for 252 homes and insulated 1,757 structures, including 755 condominium units at Peninsula Place.

With the volume of residents submitting applications for participation, the City opened a Demonstration House on the corner of Elm and San Bruno Avenue. The Demonstration House was the office for the program until 2003. The house was staffed with personnel to answer questions and show the residents the type of materials and colors available for the program.

In 1995, the FAA requested SFO to update the NEM, as the noise contour had clearly been reduced, and fewer houses were impacted by noise. The 1995 NEM is the current contour the



ise Insulation Program

cities and County are using to qualify eligible structures.

During this time, SFO was operating on a noise variance with the Department of Transportation for having structures that were considered incompatible land use - or any houses within a 65 Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) contour. SFO was the first airport to meet the challenges of not having a noise variance, and this was accomplished by providing the State Department of Transportation with a plan to sound-insulate all homes in the existing noise contour or showing a good-faith effort to solicit property owners into

participation. SFO staff canvassed the neighborhoods with mass mailings in several languages. In 2000, all easements or a proven good-faith effort were submitted to the Airport.

Under the 1995 NEM, the City sound-insulated 728 homes in federal grants 8 through 12. Soon, construction will start on Phase 13 for 39 houses and 2 churches. Phase 14 will insulate the final 38 properties of homeowners who wish to participate.

The City of San Bruno was a pioneer in the sponsorship of an AIP grant. In 18 years, 2,876 dwellings have been completed, and in the next 2 years, another 79 will be finished.

Unless the noise contour expands, or Airport staff include more participating property owners, the program will be completed in 2006.

The City of San Bruno has received many accolades for the program from airports, cities, and counties around the United States, but more importantly, from the residents who have participated in the program. Thousands of post-construction surveys have been mailed to the participating property owners, and their responses have been extremely positive. The City has had enormous success in improving the quality of life for its residents.

4th of July celebration and fireworks

The use of illegal fireworks during the 4th of July celebration in 2004 was one of the worst ever experienced by the City of San Bruno and many other Bay Area communities. The sheer volume of incidents involving illegal fireworks and, in particular, the use of professional grade pyrotechnics was significant and has been determined to be a serious public safety concern by both the Police and Fire Departments. To address the problem, the City of San Bruno and the community will be working together in 2005, with an enhanced process of community education and awareness, followed up with a strict enforcement policy.

Our Police and Fire Departments will work closely with the "Safe and Sane" fireworks industry, non-profit organizations, and the community as part of a comprehensive educational campaign. The campaign will address the safe use of State Fire Marshal-approved fireworks and provide information on illegal fireworks. This effort will begin immediately and continue through the 4th of July weekend. The public

education campaign will include literature distributed to our residents, public service announcements on San Bruno Cable TV, and outreach to our schools. Additionally, all fireworks booth vendors will distribute flyers and post notices at their stands to educate citizens on the proper use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks in our community.

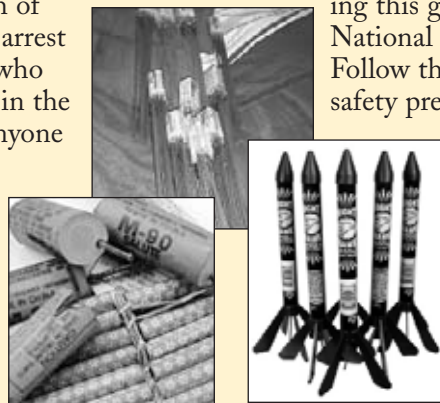
Our Police Department is taking a zero-tolerance stance when it comes to illegal fireworks. The Department will increase patrols during the weeks prior to the 4th of July, and is considering the use of outside resources to augment patrol staffing levels during the 4th of July weekend. Officers will arrest and book those individuals who use, possess, or are involved in the sales of illegal fireworks. Anyone convicted of these crimes could face a significant fine and/or imprisonment.

The State Fire Marshal-approved "Safe and Sane" fireworks do not explode or fly in the air. Pictured are several examples of

illegal fireworks.

When "Safe and Sane" fireworks are used in a safe location under adult supervision, they can be enjoyable to watch and safe to use. However, without proper precautions, even "Safe and Sane" fireworks can be dangerous. The San Bruno Fire Department advises you to stay away from buildings and to keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby. Do not use "Safe and Sane" fireworks in the street, and remember that all fireworks are prohibited in parks and on school grounds.

The City of San Bruno wants to ensure the safety of our citizens during this great National Holiday. Follow the required safety precautions, and only use "Safe and Sane" fireworks.



Your Public Library - 1955 to 2005

The year 2005 marks the 50th anniversary of the San Bruno Library's current facility. At the time it opened in July 1955, the San Bruno Herald called it "California's most modern library," and it operated with a staff of four and a budget of \$29,905. Decima Allen, the first full-time librarian (and for whom Allen School is named) remarked when interviewed, "The price of books has almost doubled in the past five years. Fiction used to sell at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Now you can't touch them for under \$2.00." Times have certainly changed since 1955. Although we continue to struggle with a lack of space, a reduced budget, and inadequate wiring for computers, we have preserved our capital improvement funds so that San Bruno residents can continue to count on high quality Library services, as they have for the last 50 years.

There were a number of customer service improvements at the Library in 2004; and in 2005, the positive changes will continue as we continue to add as many modern touches to the facility as possible. The biggest change will undoubtedly be the migration to an entirely new check-out system and Library catalog.

If you visited at the end of 2004, you probably noticed the new shelving that was installed to house the CD, DVD, and Video collections in both the Main Reading Room and Children's Room. The CDs are now stored in convenient pull-out drawers and are much easier to find, not

to mention how much easier it is on your back now that they are not so close to the floor. These came just in time, as 2004 saw the Library begin collecting many more DVDs and books on CD. Also added in 2004 was an automatic payment machine that is tied to our Internet stations. Library users can use this self-service station to add money to their Library card account for Internet printouts. Funds in your printing account will decrease as you use them, allowing you to maintain a balance for future Library visits.

One of the most exciting, though least visible, changes in 2004 occurred in November, when the Library began offering free wireless Internet access to users who bring a laptop equipped with a wireless card. Internet access is available anywhere within the building, and should provide much-needed convenience to those of you who want to stay connected when you visit. If you are interested in using wireless at the Library, you can ask at the Reference Desk or pick up one of the informational flyers that explain how to use the network.

The big event to look out for in 2005 is the changeover from the Library's 10-year-old Dynix check-out system to a new system called Millennium. This change will take place throughout the entire Peninsula Library System, not just at the San Bruno Library. Millennium, a Windows-based system, will provide a more friendly

interface and will allow users to search and place holds in ways that, up to now, have been difficult or impossible.

The technical upgrades will extend to the Internet stations in both the Children's and Main rooms. By early 2005, expect to see two additional Internet stations in the Children's Room, bringing the total from two to four. This will leave two catalog stations to search for Library materials. As always, all Children's computers can be used to search the Web-based version of the catalog as well as Library databases. In the Main Room expect to see new, compact Internet stations equipped with Microsoft Office. Users will not only be able to search the Internet, but to use word processing, spreadsheet, and other common software programs as well. We also plan to have a catalog station on the second floor so that users can search for materials closer to where they are shelved.

In addition, some much-needed cosmetic upgrades are on the way in 2005. In January, look for new study tables and some additional CD and video shelves in both rooms. Later in the spring, the Children's Room will add additional furniture for its smallest customers, in the form of tables and chairs for the 5-and-under set.

We hope that these changes will enhance your Library experience, and we look forward to bringing them to you during our 50th year in operation.

Happy 90th anniversary, City of San Bruno

The demand for Incorporation was sparked in 1912 by the completion of the California Department of Transportation's first paving contract on El Camino Real between San Mateo Avenue and Millbrae. The community was without lights, water system, sewers, streets and

sidewalks, and many of the town's 1,500 residents demanded public services.

On October 5, 1914, San Mateo County Supervisors granted a petition for election filed by a San Bruno incorporation committee. Incorporation won, two to one, with

296 in favor and 158 opposed. The City of San Bruno officially incorporated on December 23, 1914. Louis Traeger, the City Trustee receiving the highest number of votes (268), served as the City's first Mayor 1914-1920. A street in the Bayhill Office Complex bears his name.

Narita, Japan, to visit San Bruno

A delegation of approximately 25 junior high school students, teachers, and government officials from Narita, Japan, will visit the City of San Bruno March 22-29, 2005. The delegation represents an annual visit between the two cities, which formalized a "Sister City" relationship in 1990. For the past 15 years, the City of San Bruno and Narita have developed an annual cultural exchange program that culminates with the Narita delegation visiting San Bruno once a year, usually in March. In turn, San Bruno sends a similar, though smaller, delegation of students, teachers, and City officials to Narita, usually in June or July.

San Bruno and Narita are very similar communities, sharing climates and proximity to major international airports. Starting in 1981, they began sharing even more when the Rotary Clubs of both cities began an association, which fostered an annual visit of junior high school students from both countries. As a successful result of this relationship, a decision was made to establish a Sister City relationship to broaden the cultural, educational, governmental, and community interests and diversities of both cities.

Formalizing this relationship has included signed proclamations by each city and a tree-planting ceremony. An American Sycamore planted 15 years ago continues to thrive in front of City Hall in Narita, in an area dedicated to the City of San Bruno. Likewise, the City of San Bruno planted a Japanese Maple in front of City Hall. Additionally, San Bruno has a dedicated bench located between City Hall and the Library, honoring former Narita Mayor Rokutaro Hasegawa.

San Bruno has developed a unique partnership of City government officials, the San Bruno Park School District, and the San Bruno Sister City Committee. This relationship



The San Bruno Delegation with the Mayor of Narita and Narita city officials in Narita, Japan, July 2004.

grew naturally as each entity plays a vital role as a collective representative group assisting each other with the planning of activities and events vital to the overall success of the Sister City program.

The San Bruno Sister City Committee is represented by a small, yet active, group of local business owners and local service club members who go to great lengths to develop private funding that supports many of the planned programs and activities during Narita's visit to San Bruno. In recent years, they have contributed additional funds to send more students from Parkside Intermediate School to Narita.

The San Bruno Park School District plays a key role in the "Home Stay" program. This program places Narita students with families of Parkside Intermediate School students during their visit to San Bruno. The Home Stay program is then reciprocated when Parkside students visit Narita. This program broadens the opportunity for cultural exchange between the youth of both countries.

What is a Sister City?

When an American community joins with a community in another nation to learn more about each

other and to develop friendly and meaningful exchanges, they may propose that this comes about through a Sister City relationship. These exchanges can involve all facets of each city, including government, schools, businesses and private organizations. Sister City affiliations are a powerful force for peace and friendship because they motivate understanding, tolerance and respect for diversity.

Among the many activities that can be fostered in a Sister City relationship are:

- ♦ Exchange of officials, students, teachers, and businessmen
- ♦ Club affiliations such as Lions, Rotary, Boy and Girl Scouts
- ♦ School affiliations
- ♦ Technical and professional exchange
- ♦ Letter writing exchanges

Since its inception in 1956, the Sister City movement has gained worldwide acceptance. Hundreds of U.S. cities have established Sister City relationships with cities in more than 90 different foreign countries.

For more information about the Sister City Program or planned activities during Narita's visit to San Bruno in March, please call 650-616-7180.

Focus on ... your questions

Q: Where is there information on the status of the Caltrain Grade Separation Project in San Bruno?

A: A Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by the City Council is working with a sub-committee of the Council reviewing the project as it proceeds through final design. Information of the activities of the Committee are available for view at the Library, the City Clerk's office, and at the Public Works Engineering counter at City Hall. In addition, copies of the final Project Study Report prepared by Caltrain, and the agendas and minutes of Citizens Advisory Committee meetings, are available for viewing over the Internet at http://www.Caltrain.com/sb_grade_separation.html and at http://www.caltrain.com/sb_grade_separation_cac_meetings.html

Q: What is the best number to call after hours for a drainage, water, or sewer emergency?

A: Residents should contact San Bruno Police Dispatch at 650-616-7100. Public Works crews are on standby and can be called out by the Police Department in the event of a utility emergency.

Q: Where in City Hall can I obtain a marriage license?

A: The City of San Bruno does not have the authority to issue marriage licenses. Please contact the San Mateo County Clerk's Office at 555 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94066. Telephone 650-363-4712

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Business Taxes & Licenses	616-7083
Cable TV	877-8889
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Fire - Business	616-7096
Graffiti Hotline	616-7141
Library	616-7078
Neighborhood Improvement	616-7074
Recreation	616-7180
Human Resources Division	616-7055
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Police - Business	616-7100
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